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1. From 16 to 17 March 1953, JS-2 tanks 130 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and sedan occupied by a colonel, were unloaded in Weisswasser from a train which had arrived from the direction of Cottbus. The unit subsequently left for Nochten. At 5 a.m. on 17 March, 21 three-axle trucks with canvas tops, and including 12 trucks towing 122-mm field howitzers arrived in Nochten, coming from the direction of Spremberg, coming from Weisswasser. On 18 March, all quarters at the Weisswasser infantry troop training grounds were occupied to capacity. Several motor vehicles were seen. On 18 March, 3 JS-2 tanks and 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets participated in a firing practice at the tank firing range. Motor vehicles seen en route from and to the Weisswasser troop training ground 25X1
2. On 20 March, 24 three-axle factory-new trucks, and 16 mortars were unloaded in Weisswasser from a train which had arrived from the direction of Cottbus. Several trucks were occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The unit left toward Nochten.¹ 25X1
3. On 24 March, about 400 troops, billeting equipment, 44 trucks and 18 x 37-mm AA guns; all belonging to the unit stationed in an installation just northwest of the railroad station, were loaded on two trains, which included a total of 21 boxcars, at the Dessau railroad station. Source believed to have seen the same shipment unloaded in Jueterbog on 25 March.² 25X1
4. During the night of 13 March, troops and material unloaded in Weisswasser from a train which arrived from the direction of Cottbus included: 5 T-34/85 tanks from 5 SS-type flatcars; a total of 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets,

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including some with tank insignia from 4 boxcars ; and a number of boxes from 1 boxcar. The detached unit left on trucks [redacted] toward Nichten.¹ On 14 March, a total of 24 newly painted trucks [redacted] with escort personnel were unloaded in Weisswasser from 12 SS-type flatcars, which had arrived from the direction of Cottbus.³

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1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] all the motor vehicles observed belong to the 9th Mecz Div which, beginning in January, continually held advanced combat practice firing at Weisswasser. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] presumably light AAA units of the 7th Gds Tank Div and/or 62d AAA Div [redacted] went to Jueterbo for AA firing practice. The 62d AAA Div [redacted] is stationed in Kumsersdorf. However, [redacted] elements of the division are believed stationed in Dessau and employed at the Elle River bridges. 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. The vehicles observed may have come from the U.S.S.R. rather than being attached to an internal shipment of troop units. 25X1

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